MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: I was told by the Tahsildars in Nanjanad consisting of the taluks of Tovala, Agastisvaram and Vilavankod that they are not in possession of funds to make immediate purchase.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA' G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That information is incorrect.

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Rs. 30,000 have been allotted to Tovala and Rs. 50,000 to Agastisvaram taluks as a first instalment.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know when the funds were given?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: About two days ago.

MR. K. G. GOVINDAN (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether the Government intend purchasing paddy and rice directly or through some intermediary?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Directly by the Government.

Import of rice and paddy.

4. ✱ **MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state the total quantity of rice and paddy expected to be imported from outside during the year 1118 M. E.?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The quantity that can be imported will depend upon the import quota that may be allotted to this State from time to time.

Price of Paddy.

5. ✱ **MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether in fixing a maximum price of Rs. 1¼ per para of paddy throughout the State, they have taken into consideration the maximum price in any definite area and the costs of transport from that place to other areas?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know whether there is any maximum fixed for transport charges?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It will depend upon the distance.

Price of paddy and tapioca.

6. ✱**MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to increase the price of paddy and tapioca produced in the State;

(*b*) if so, the action taken on it; and

(*c*) if not, the reason why it is not increased?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) Because the prices now fixed are considered reasonable.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know why it is not proposed to raise the price?

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